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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Benne VELSHER, et al.

Serial No: 09/972,282

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: OPTO-ELECTRONIC PACKAGE FOR INTEGRATED  
SEALING OF OPTICAL FIBERS

Art Unit: 2874

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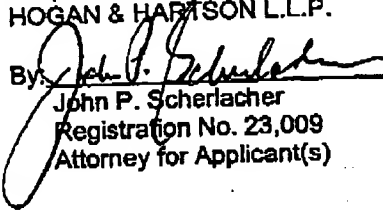
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 770.00 cover the filing fee of Request for Continued Examination (RCE). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,  
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.